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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS FOR PRESERVING AND/OR
STORING CELLS HAVING A NITRILASE OR
NITRILE HYDRATASE ACTIVITY

Examiner: Hanley, Susan Marie

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

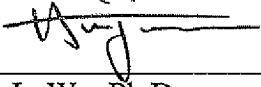
This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Of the document listed on the attached SB/08 is the patent document cited in the International Search Report during the prosecution of international application no. PCT/EP2003/14880, which corresponds to the above referenced application. In the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on July 5, 2005, the reference US 4,950,956 (to Asamaki et al.) was inadvertently submitted in lieu of US 4,950,596, the reference cited in the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2), Applicants hereby submit this document for the Examiner's consideration.

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Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00105-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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